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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formed a Trust for the welfare of mentally handicapped people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of Members of the governing Council or equivalent body of this Trust; and

(d) the objectives thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, MentalRetardation and Multiple Disabilities Act was passed on 30-12-1999. The Trust is a statutory body set under the above Act, having its head office at New Delhi. The Board consists of a Chair person, nine persons appointed from amongst registered organization, of which three members each are from voluntary organizations, associations of parents of persons with autism, celebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities and from association of persons with disabilities, eight persons not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India belonging to the Departments of Social Justice and Empowerment, Women and Child Development,Health and Family Welfare, Finance, Labour, Education, Urban Affairs and Employment and Rural Employment and Poverty Alleviation, 3 persons representating the association of Trade, Commerce and Industry, Engaged in philanthropic activities (at present vacant) and one chief Executive Officer of the rank of Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India. The Board was constituted vide notification date 22/9/2000

(c) The General superintendence, direction and management of the affairs and business ofthe Trust is vested in a Board. The names of the members of the Boards are as follows:-

(a) Mrs. Merry Barua

(b) Mrs. Sharda Fatehpuria

(c) Mrs. Rukmini Krishnaswamy

(d) Mr. Damodar Tilak

(e) Mr. S. C. Pant

(f) Mr. Akhil Paul

(g) Mrs. Marlene Kamdar

(h) Dr. Smt. Rajam Pillay

(i) Mrs. Renu Sahni Dhar(JS)

(j) Mrs. V.S. Rao(JS)

(k) Mr. Madan Mohan Jha(JS)

(l) Mr. S. Banerjee(JS)

(m) Dr. P. V. Thomas(JS)

(n) Mr. Krishnan(JS)

(o) Mr. Shailendra Pandey(JS)

(p) Mrs. Gauri Chatterjee(JS)

(q) Mrs. Asha Das (Chairperson & Secretary)

(r) Mrs. Jayati Chandra(CEO)

(d) The Trust will primarily seek to uphold the rights, promote the development and safeguard the interests of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities and their families. Towards this goal, the National Trust will support programmes which promote in dependence, facilitate guardianship when necessary and address the concerns of those special persons who do not have their family support. The Trust will interalia also protect the interests of the persons in the above - mentioned categories, after the death of their parents or guardians.